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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Koichi IKESHIMA

Serial No.: 09/803,941

Group Art Unit: 1774

Filed: March 13, 2001

Examiner: Tamra L. Dicus

For: CERAMIC HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Rejection of November 5, 2002, please
amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A ceramic honeycomb structure comprising a plurality of through-holes surrounded by partition walls, wherein a thermal expansion coefficient of an outer circumferential wall portion in the ceramic honeycomb structure is larger than a thermal expansion coefficient, in a direction of a diameter, of an inside partition wall portion in the ceramic honeycomb structure, and stress is applied to the inside

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